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The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) in Monterey, Calif., won two honors from Government Security News magazine during ceremonies Monday, Nov. 8, in Washington D.C.

CHDS was named the Most Effective Federal Government Security Program, Project or Agency as well as Best Homeland Security Training/Higher Education Program at an awards dinner at the JW Marriot Hotel.

"We are honored that the experts at GSN have recognized us with these awards," CHDS Director Glen Woodbury said. "We deeply appreciate these recognitions and pledge that we will continue to strive for excellence in homeland security and defense education."

GSN honored companies and government agencies in 45 different categories. Retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey earned the GSN 2010 Homeland Security Extraordinary Leadership and Service Award and gave the keynote address.

The CHDS is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate, within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"Educating our current and future leaders at the strategy and policy level is a very important endeavor for FEMA," said Tim Manning, FEMA Deputy Administrator for Protection and National Preparedness. "The Center develops a cadre of professionals that enable us to tap into innovative strategy and critical thinking the nation needs to address current threats and to foresee future challenges. We are pleased that our educational efforts in all-hazards homeland security have been recognized."

Established in 2002 and located at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., CHDS offers a string of educational programs, the cornerstone of which is a Master of Arts degree in security studies. More than 375 professionals from federal, tribal, state and local governments have completed the 18-month master's degree program. These students write theses on issues facing their home agencies, and that research often finds its way into practice and policy.

The Center also offers the Executive Leaders Program, a graduate-style program that draws professionals from government and the private sector for four one-week sessions over a nine-month period. Also, the Center's University and Agency Partnership Initiative shares curriculum and faculty development expertise with more than 200 colleges and universities in the United States.



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